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## **NC Div. of Veterans Affairs Thanks Gov. McCrory for Recognizing Vietnam Veterans**

RALEIGH – March 28, 2014

North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs Director Ilario Pantano thanked Governor Pat McCrory for issuing a proclamation today naming March 29<sup>th</sup> as Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day in North Carolina. North Carolina has 1,609 names listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, and 43 North Carolinians are still listed as Missing in Action in Southeast Asia.

“The staff at the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs and I stand with Governor Pat McCrory in his recognition of Vietnam Veterans and their sacrifices for our country,” said Director Ilario Pantano. “I would like to publicly thank him for his support of North Carolina’s heroes by his continued recognition of their service.”

2014 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution which for many marked the beginning of the Vietnam War. More than 3 million Americans served in Southeast Asia from 1961-1975, with more than 58,000 Americans losing their lives and more than 300,000 wounded.

To download the 2014 [Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day Proclamation](#) or for more information on the [North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs](#), please visit us online or contact Director Ilario Pantano at 919-807-4250.

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